

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT



2016 Black Hills Interagency Fire School

Course Dates: May 23rd -May 27th 2016

Location: Boxelder Job Corps, Nemo, South Dakota

Nomination Process:

Federal Employees: All nominations for federal employees must be submitted through the Incident Qualification Certification System (IQCS) nomination process. Courses provided through the 2016 Black Hills Interagency Fire School are S-130, S-190, S-133, S-134, L-180, and ICS-100. IS-700 is **not** included so please make other arrangements for your employees to take that course online. The home unit must enter each nominee into IQCS for each of these courses. Session numbers in IQCS are as follows: S-130 (02659), S-190 (02492), S-133 (02182), S-134 (00508), L-180 (02420), and ICS-100 (02207). These courses will be finalized in IQCS by May 27th, 2016, giving students certification for successful course completion. If students have completed the courses and are not in IQCS at that time, it will be the responsibility of their home unit to create and enter course completion information.

Non-Federal Employees: All non-federal employees may submit an NWCG Interagency Training Nomination Form and send it to the Course Coordinator, information provided below.

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Nomination Deadline: May 1, 2016

Tuition: \$0.00

Lodging and Meals: Campsites and meals are provided by Boxelder Job Corps at the cost of approximately \$90.00 for the entire session, which is to be covered by the participant's home unit. Costs for FS employees will be processed through an accounting adjustment. Non-FS employees will be required to pay this amount by cash or check (payable to USDA-FS) when checking in at fire school on May 23rd.

Please send nominations, if employee is not in IQCS, and any special needs of participants, such as allergies, special dietary needs, medical needs and anything else that might be of concern, to the course coordinator no later than May 9th. This information is important for planning and logistical purposes.

Please direct questions or concerns to Amy Ham at (605) 673-9326 or acham@fs.fed.us.

Please read the following information thoroughly!

The course is scheduled to **commence on May 23, 2016 at 0730 and conclude on the afternoon of May 27, 2016**. Weather permitting, there will be a field day exercise during the week. The course will be held at the Boxelder Job Corps (22023 Job Corps Place) NW of Nemo, South Dakota. Travel arrangements should be made to meet these dates and times.

The 2016 Black Hills Interagency Fire School is intended to provide individuals with the required training courses and experience for entry level firefighters. Provided training courses include: ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS), L-180 Human Factors on the Fireline, S-130 Basic Firefighter Training, S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, S-134 LCES, and S-133 Look Up Look Down Look Around. Training courses include classroom time as well as practical exercises and a field day. All courses taught will meet NWCG standards and regulations. Students who successfully complete the 40 hours of training will receive certificates at the end of the week.

An additional objective of this training course is to provide entry level firefighters the opportunity to experience a fire camp environment. For this reason, all participants are required to tent camp on site for the entire training period. Restroom and shower facilities are provided on site. Three meals per day will be provided by the Boxelder Job Corps. There is no cell phone service on site.

Students are required to have personal protective equipment (PPE) for practical exercises and the field day exercise for safety reasons. Personal protective gear and equipment should be provided by the student's home unit. Additional recommended gear may be provided by the home unit or individual. It is highly recommended that students complete the Arduous Work Capacity Test prior to attending this training.

Required and recommended items are as follows:

Required Equipment:

- Fireline Pack
- Fire Shelter
- 8" Tall Lug/Vibram Sole Leather Boots
(It is recommended that boots are broken in prior to training)
- Hard Hat
- Eye Protection
- Nomex Fire Resistant Shirt and Pants
- Leather Gloves
- Canteens
- Hand Tool
- Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Flashlight/Headlamp

Recommended Equipment:

- Sleeping Pad
- Pillow
- Clothes (enough for 5 days)
- Hygiene Items (toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, soap, medication, etc.)
- Backpack
- Rain Coat/Heavy Coat and Warm Clothes

There is a limit of 30 slots available which will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Please complete nominations as soon as possible. It is acceptable to reserve a number of slots if specific names are not available by the May 1st, 2016 deadline; however it is necessary to forward the specific information as soon as it is available.

Past participants have found this training experience both very educational and enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Black Hills Interagency Fire School.